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PASSPORT OFFICES IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing passport offices and collection centres in the State of Karnataka;

(b) the number of passport applications received and the number of passports issued during each of the last three years by passport offices in the State;

(c) whether there is any demand to open more passport offices in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The State of Karnataka has a Regional Passport Office at Bangalore and a Passport Application Collection Centre at Mangalore. In addition, 21 District Passport Cells (DPCs) attached to the Offices of the District Superintendents of Police, 72 Speed Post Centres in Karnataka and 15 Bangalore-One centres in Bangalore city accept applications for passports.

(b) The data regarding the total number of passport applications received and passports issued by the Regional Passport Office, Bangalore (applications from other application collection centres in the State also come to this office for issuance of passports) is as follows:

Total number of Passport Applications received			Total number of Passports issued		
Year 2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
190481	241202	270124	186602	271941	279812

(c) & (d) In view of the growing demand from different sections of the society, the Government are considering to open a Passport Office at Mangalore.